

REMARKS

I. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

By this amendment, claim 39 is currently amended and claims 28, 29, 37, and 38 are canceled. Accordingly, upon entry of this Amendment, claims 23, 25, 27, 30, 31, 33, 34, 36, and 39-42 are pending in the application. The Applicants thank the Examiner for the careful consideration of this application. Based on the following remarks, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections, and that they be withdrawn.

II. CLAIM OBJECTIONS

On page 2 of the Office Action, claim 39 was objected to for an informality. Applicants have amended claim 39 to correct the informality. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

III. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

On page 3 of the Office Action, claims 28-29 and 37-38 were rejected for failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants have canceled claims 28-29 and 37-38 without prejudice, thereby rendering the claim rejections moot. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

IV. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

On page 3 of the Office Action, claims 23, 25, 27, 30-31, 33-34, 36, and 40-42 are allowed. Claim 39 is also found allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objection. As claim 39 has been amended to overcome the objection, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are allowable.

V. CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that in view of the foregoing, all of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly accommodated, traversed, or rendered moot. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. If the Examiner believes, for any reasons, that further communication will expedite prosecution of this application the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided. Applicants believe there are no additional fees associated with this reply other than those indicated. However, if this is incorrect, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be required for this paper to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

Respectfully submitted,

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